GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:261
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2001
AQUA CULTURE
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fishermen are agitating against Aqua Culture;

(b) if so, the demands putforth by them; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the genuine demands of the fishermen?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.261 T
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(a) & (b): At present, there is no on-going agitation against aquaculture. However, representations have been received from time to time, not against aquaculture in general, but against some of the activities of coastal aquaculture. Representations have been received, both for and against shrimp farming activities being carried out in coastal areas, with some sections insisting on an early enactment of legislation to regulate shrimp farming activities in coastal areas and others being opposed to the same.

(c): An Aquaculture Authority has been set up in 1997 in accordance with the directives of the Supreme Court to regulate shrimp farming activities in coastal areas. The Aquaculture Authority Bill, already introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 2000, is being finalised to develop coastal aquaculture activities in a sustainable manner without environmental degradation which would take care of the demands of various sections.